## **ABSTRACT**

Phenylalanine derivatives of formula (1) are described:

$$R^{1}(Alk^{1})_{n}(L^{1})_{g}$$

$$= (Alk^{2})_{m}$$

$$C(R^{2})-N(R^{3})COHet$$

$$R$$

$$(1)$$

wherein

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R is a carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof;

L1 is a linker atom or group;

Het is an optionally substituted heteroaromatic group; and the salts, solvates, hydrates and N-oxides thereof.

The compounds are able to inhibit the binding of alpha4 integrins to their ligands and are of use in the prophylaxis and treatment of immune or inflammatory disorders.

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